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G - Mr. Johnson

The attached briefing book, which will be kept up to date for you, contains documents which I believe will be useful for this morning's meeting. Tab A is exchange of letters between the President and Chairman Khrushchev; Tab B, the Quarantine Proclamation and Tab C, the Minutes of the NSC Executive Committee.

Miss Moor will pick up this book at each debriefing you hold and add to it or delete as you see fit.

Based on your debriefing last night, it is my understanding that you wish to discuss the following at this morning's Executive Committee meeting:

1. Putting a check on the acts of Cuban refugees in the United States. Mr. Martin mentioned to you the need to keep Cuban refugees groups from creating an incident. He suggested that you discuss this on an urgent basis directly with Mr. Helms and at the Executive Committee with a view to having synchronized actions on the part of CIA, Department of Justice, FBI, Immigration Service and local authorities, etc. in an effort to prevent any provocative acts at this most crucial moment.

2. Civil Defense Capabilities. You noted that civil defense capabilities would be discussed at this meeting's meeting.

3. Introduction of Nuclear Warheads Via Soviet Aircraft. Messrs. Hillman, Cleveland and Martin all noted the possibilities of nuclear warheads being brought into Cuba on Soviet or Block~~X~~ aircraft was paramount in the thinking of Ambassadors both here and in the U.H.

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What we are going to do regarding this danger seems to require some clarification.

4. Clarification of Subcommittees--Terms of Reference. There seems to be some need for further clarification in the terms of reference the three subcommittees now established by the Executive Committee--(a) The Ambassadors Group of Ambassador Thompson, (b) the Rostow Forward Planning Group and (c) the X Kitchen-General Riley Operation Planning Group.

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Executive Secretary

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